

Urban Air Toxics Report to Congress

The Urban Air Toxics (UAT) Report to Congress is currently under review by OMB with an anticipated release date of mid-April. Headquarters is looking for support from the Regions in the roll-out and communication of the report. The report identifies 61 specific hotspots nationally, and HQ has indicated that a simple, straightforward explanation of each hotspot from the Regions would be very useful in answering questions that come up after the report is released. ATAB is currently examining those Hot Spots in Region 5 and plans to summarize a response to the five questions identified by Region 8 and HQ. While responses are currently scheduled to be sent to Region 8 (sublead Region for Air Toxics) by March 7, it is possible an extension will be given. In November, 2012, the Regional Administrators were briefed by the Assistant Administrator for OAR on the Report to Congress that was being submitted to OMB.

Health Study of Manganese Exposure in Ohio Adults (Marietta, Mt. Vernon, East Liverpool) and 4/18/2013 East Liverpool public meeting

Background

Multiple state and federal agencies have evaluated air pollution in East Liverpool OH for many years. In 2008 Ohio EPA petitioned the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to evaluate potential health impacts airborne metals in East Liverpool, Columbiana County, Ohio. In 2010 ATSDR completed a Health Consultation for East Liverpool and concluded that manganese exceeded background levels and health-based guidelines. ATSDR stated that exposure to manganese concentrations in this community poses a public health hazard and recommended reducing exposures, further monitoring and a study of potential health effects.

Findings

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